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# **House of Representatives Passes California Water Bill**

*Bipartisan bill to end water crisis moves to Senate*

**Washington, D.C.** – The House of Representatives today approved a bill enacting a comprehensive solution to the drought crisis plaguing California. Led by Congressmen David Valadao, Kevin McCarthy, and Devin Nunes, the Sacramento–San Joaquin Valley Emergency Water Delivery Act (H.R. 3964) gained support from the entire California GOP delegation.

The bill restores water reliability to California communities by codifying the bipartisan Bay-Delta Accord. It also reforms onerous federal laws – such as the Central Valley Project Improvement Act and the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement Act – that have severely curtailed water deliveries and resulted in hundreds of billions of gallons of badly needed water being flushed into the ocean.

“While Californians are dealing with the brunt of the water shortage, this issue affects the entire country,” Rep. Valadao said. “I am proud the House of Representatives was able to come together to pass this common-sense legislation to provide a long-term solution for families and farmers suffering from this water crisis. It is now up to the senators from California to ensure their chamber acts upon our proposal quickly.”

“Today, the House acted on a solution to the man-made water crisis in California that has Californians suffering during the worst drought to hit our state in over a century,” Rep. McCarthy said. “It is unacceptable that vital water supplies are being forced out to the ocean instead of going to our cities. The issue demands immediate attention and today’s vote represents House Republicans’ commitment to putting California families over fish. I thank my good friend Congressman Valadao for his leadership on this issue, as well as Natural Resources Committee Chairman Doc Hastings for his important attention to this pressing matter. I urge Senator Boxer and Senator Feinstein to use their seniority and influence to demand that Majority Leader Harry

Reid schedule California water legislation for a vote on the Senate floor as soon as possible. Our communities understand that action, not empty rhetoric, can get water flowing to the Valley again.”

“The House of Representatives has stated its position loud and clear – the status quo in California is unacceptable,” said Rep. Nunes. “In light of the debilitating water crisis, regulations must be reformed that dump critical water supplies in the ocean and that prevent us from storing water to use during droughts. We don’t need more studies or bureaucratic task forces. We need a comprehensive solution to this problem, and this bill provides it.”

Having passed the House, the bill now goes to the Senate, which has failed to approve a string of House initiatives to increase water supplies for California farmers and communities.

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